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FOR VANUATU***



KEY STAKEHOLDERS TRAINING OF TRAINERS CONDUCTED BY OUR CLIMATE PROJECT TEAM TO FACILITATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY BASED ADAPTATION PLAN

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- VANUATU ADVANCES NATIONAL CLIMATE ADAPTATION PRIORITIES THROUGH NAP VALIDATION WORKSHOPS
- COMMUNITY FIRST HARVEST THE DEMONSTRATION PLOT

HIGHLIGHTS

➤➤➤ “Turning Climate risk into Action - NAP workshop”



The National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Validation and Prioritisation Workshops held in Port Vila brought together government agencies, experts, civil society, and development partners to turn climate risk findings into practical national actions. The workshops validated results from the Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (CRVA), identified priority climate risks, and developed adaptation measures to strengthen Vanuatu's response to growing threats such as cyclones, droughts, and ocean acidification.

Day 1 focused on key sectors including education, health and nutrition, and WASH, with discussions on resilient infrastructure, learning continuity, child protection, water security, and reducing disease risks. The initiative was led by the Global Green Growth Institute in partnership with the Department of Climate Change and funded by the Green Climate Fund, supporting Vanuatu's national development and climate commitments under Vanuatu 2030 and NDC 3.0.

For years, Vanuatu has been a strong global advocate for addressing climate-related loss and damage, ensuring the experiences and challenges faced by its people are recognised internationally. In Port Vila, the Building Our Pacific Loss and Damage (BOLD) Response Project Inception and implementation planning meeting officially opened, with Acting Director of the Department of Climate Change, Nelson Kalo, encouraging participants to deepen their understanding of loss and damage through local realities, while promoting collaboration and careful planning to support the future of vulnerable communities.



Jimmy Solomon, MRV Officer, is attending the Regional Pacific conference in Samoa.

The workshops increase awareness among PICs regarding ETF reporting tools, preparing GHG inventories, and NDC actions tracking, as well as supporting response agencies to understand transparency under the Paris Agreement, foster collaboration between PICs and progress preparation and submission of subsequent BTRs.



With the funding support of the Climate Flexible Financing program to VARTC, Acting Director led a team to Luganville- Santo, to assess the implementation of the program, this include : - recruitment of 6 provincial Seed bank officers, a seed bank manager, a Field operation vehicle, a field tractor, and the installation of solar system to respective provincial seed bank that enable the refrigeration and storage of seeds.

»»» “Climate Change ACT consultation ”

Provincial Consultation Meeting on DoCC “ Climate Change ACT”, accompanied by the Acting Director of Climate Change Nelson Kalo and the MOCCA Director General Gibson David



SANMA PTAC



PENAMA PTAC



The National Green Energy Fund (NGEF) continues to support schools by providing renewable energy infrastructure and Tablets for Education, especially for e-learning purposes. Today, the National Green Energy Fund, with the assistance of the Acting Director of the Department of Climate Change, Mr Nelson Kalo, facilitated the handover of nine Samsung S9+ tablets to the Shefa Provincial Education Office (Shefa PEO) at the Shefa Education Office compound. The tablets were donated by the Samsung Company headquarters in South Korea through a partnership program with the National Green Energy Fund (NGEF) and the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) to support NGEF beneficiaries, especially junior secondary schools. NGEF selected Napangasale Presbyterian Junior Secondary School following last year’s NGEF board visit to Tongoa Island to launch three solar systems installed under the NGEF program. This trip included the Director General of the Ministry of Climate Change, Vanuatu, the Acting Director of DoCC, and the NGEF team. Napangasale School was one of the beneficiary sites where solar systems were installed. During the launch, the school raised concerns about their library, which had been damaged by a cyclone. While the school waits for the library to be renovated, NGEF donated these tablets as a quick response to support students, especially for e-learning. All tablets will be charged using the solar system installed at the school.

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Vanuatu Engages in COP31 Pacific Ministerial Talanoa to Strengthen Regional Climate Priorities and Preparations



The delegation attended the COP31 Pacific Climate Change Ministerial Talanoa to engage with Pacific Ministers and senior officials in shaping regional priorities, strengthening coordination, and informing preparations for the upcoming COP31 under the joint Türkiye–Australia arrangements, as well as preparations for the pre-COP31, which will be hosted in the Pacific – Fiji.

Vanuatu was attended by Minister of Climate Change Adaptation – Hon. Ralph Regenvanu and the Acting Director of the Department of Climate Change – Mr Nelson Kalo.



Building Career pathways ...



We are pleased to introduce our two interns, Amanda KALTAPIRI and Marceline NASSE who recently graduated from the National Climate Change courses at the Vanuatu Institute of Technology (VIT). They have joined our team for a work experience placement over the past few months, contributing to ongoing climate change and disaster risk reduction activities while gaining valuable practical experience.

PARTNERSHIP MATTERS ...



how we plan our work ...



Mitigation/NDC Data Enhancement Informal Working Group held its first TOR Workshop meeting on the 23rd Feb. 2026.



Resilience Data Technical Working Group (2nd Meeting)



A training trainers was conducted with School coordinators to mainstream Climate change into the National Curriculum



Source L L&LV fb page:

As part of its Silver Jubilee Celebrations, Live and Learn hosted its first side event; A Day visit to Loru CCA to see first-hand the Merremia Management work in action! Funded by DFAT through WWF, the Climate Resilient by Nature (CRxN) project strengthens climate resilience in Vanuatu by supporting community-led Nature-based solutions (NbS) that restore forests, with Live and Learn Vanuatu (LLV) and technical partner Nakau piloting Merremia Management with the Serthiac family at Loru CCA. "Big lif" remains a big issue for a lot of our forests around Vanuatu. The work that Serthiac has been doing show good recovery and regrowth, after a year dedicated to Merremia management. This work demonstrates how targeted invasive species control can act as a practical NbS for our forests.

A huge thank you to our Donor and Implementing partners, for visiting Loru CCA

- Acting Director Nelson Kalo (DoCC)
- Director Osborne Melenamu (DEPC)
- CEO of Utilities Regulatory Authority, Mr Jesse Benjamin
- First Secretary to NZ High Commission, Ms Holly Peacock
- Senior Development Programme Manager (MFAT), Ms Glenda Pakoa
 - Sanma Province Project Officer, Mr Marcel George
- Live and Learn Vanuatu Chairlady, Ms Juliann Williams
 - LLV Country Director, Mrs Glarinda Andre Tanearu

Through our collaborative efforts, Loru CCA has become a leading site for NbS implementation



TAKING CLIMATE ACTION IN COMMUNITIES

“Climate Action Starts with Communities” VCCRP project



VCCRP Project update:

MALAKULA

A field day was organized at Unua community - South East Malekula to harvest crops at the Multiplication plot established with the support of DARD, implemented by our Climate Change officer Walter Phillip and the community from UNUA 5 .

Four (4) varieties of Taro were harvested (149kg) , while cuttings of taros, manioc, sweet potato were distributed to 50 farmers incl. people with disability, widows/widowers and people with special needs.



PAAMA

A multiplication plot for dryland taro at Owailep village on Paama island was harvested for the first time this year by the community, led by vanuatu community based climate resilient project area council officer Karl William . Out of 700 taros, over 100 were harvested - This reflected the community unity to address the importance of livelihood before and after a disaster . (VCCRP fb page) Thank you Department of Agriculture for technical assistance.





ASSISTING COMMUNITIES TO DEVELOP THEIR COMMUNITY BASED ADAPTATION PLAN



A team comprised for the Department of Climate Change, Vanuatu Coastal Adaptation Project spent two weeks, on Tanna Island to assist the communities in South Tanna to develop their Community adaptation plan .



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